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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully submits a petition for an one-month extension of time to file this amendment and response. With the petition, the response is now due April 23, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 14 of this paper.